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1. Following are texts of toasts at October 22
banquet offered by Secretary Kissinger in honor of
Foreign Minister Ch'iao Kuan-hua.

2. Begin text of toast by Secretary Kissinger:
Mr. Vice Premier, Mr. Foreign Minister, Ambassador
Huang Chen, Chinese friends and colleagues, ladies
and gentlemen:

On behalf of all my American colleagues, I
extend a cordial welcome to all our Chinese friends
to this dinner this evening. And as a sign of my
respect for them, I will not again inflict on them
Chinese with a Cantonese accent.

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We are satisfied with our visit. Our two countries are too self-reliant to need reassurance and too experienced to confuse words with reality, or tactics with strategy. We ended our isolation from each other because of our perceptions of our national interest. We will strengthen our relationship by deepening these common perceptions. And we will nurture our relationship by respecting each other's views regarding our national interest.

Once again we benefitted greatly from the friendly and wide-ranging discussions I had last evening with Chairman Mao. And many issues of common concern were examined thoroughly and usefully in extensive talks with the Vice Premier, the Foreign Minister, and other Chinese officials.

The preparations for President Ford's visit to China later this year are proceeding well. It will serve to promote Sino-US relationships on the basis of the principles of the Shanghai Communiqué. I would like to thank our Chinese hosts for making our sojourn here once again a memorable experience through the openness and farsightedness of the talks, the splendors of China's history and culture, and the autumn beauty of the Fragrant Hills.

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And with pleasure, I propose a toast:

- to the health of Chairman Mao Tsetung and Premier Chou En-lai;
- to the health of the Vice Premier, the Foreign Minister; and the Chief of the Chinese Liaison Office in Washington;
- to the health of all our friends here today; and
- to the friendship of the American and Chinese peoples;

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End Text.

3. Begin text of toast by Foreign Minister Chiao:
Mr. Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger, Mr. Bush, Chief of the U.S.L.O., and Mrs. Bush, American Guests, Comrades,

The Secretary of State Dr. ~~Xs~~ Kissinger will conclude his eighth visit to China tomorrow. We would like to thank Mr. Secretary for inviting us to this banquet on the eve of his departure.

Yesterday, Chairman Mao Tsetung met with Secretary of State Kissinger, and they had a conversation on a wide range of subjects in a friendly atmosphere.

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In the last few days, our two sides had a frank exchange of views on the current international situation, international issues of common interest and Sino-U.S. relations. Our talks have enabled us to have a clearer understanding of each other's views. This is useful. Both sides reaffirmed the principles established in the Shanghai Communique and stated that they will promote Sino-U.S. relations in accordance with these principles.

Finally, I wish Mr. Secretary and his party a pleasant journey.

I propose a toast

to the friendship between the Chinese and American peoples,

to the health of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Kissinger,

to the health of the Chief of the U.S.L.O. and Mrs. Bush,

to the health of all American guests and Chinese comrades present!

End Text.

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